

# PDMP VETERINARIAN HIGHLIGHTS

The **2023 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Awareness Feedback** survey was distributed to prescribers in Alaska to gauge their experience with the PDMP. This fact sheet shows the results of this survey for the **13** prescribing veterinarians who responded to the survey. The majority (72%) of veterinarians have been using the PDMP for at least 3-4 years.

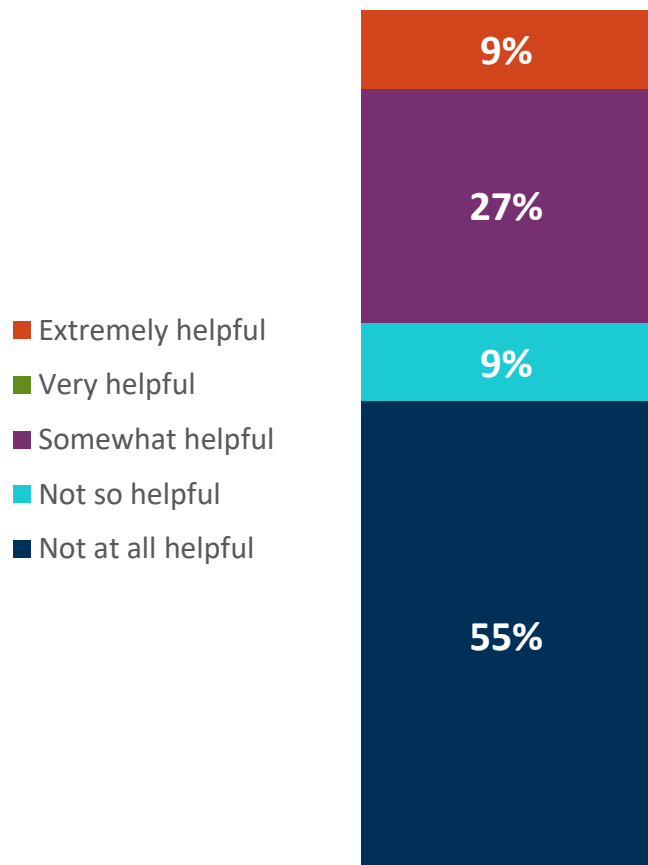


**67%**

*of veterinarians prescribe controlled substances at least monthly.*

Please see main report for details.

## How helpful is your licensing board regarding PDMP registration?



*A third of responding veterinarians indicated they have not attempted to contact their board. Of those who did, **55%** found their board not at all helpful.*

*Note: Percents do not include respondents who said they had not contacted their board.*

## When do veterinarians check the PDMP?

Other

53%

Every patient I am prescribing a controlled substance to

42%

Patients who request a specific controlled substance

11%

Patients with known substance misuse

11%

Patients with known behavioral health issues

11%

Patients who look suspicious

5%

Every patient, regardless of the prescription

0%

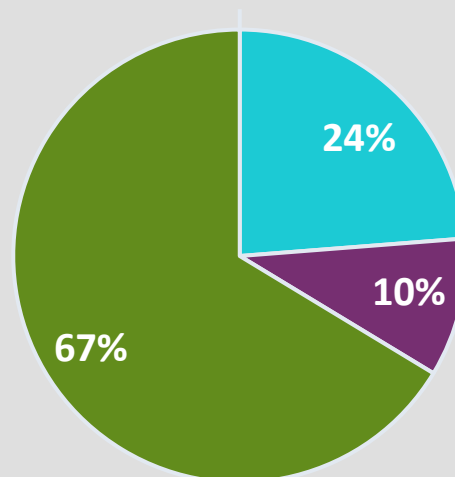
# 42%

*Check the PDMP for every patient they are prescribing a controlled substance to*

Note: Percents add up to more than 100% because of multiple selection.

*Around a quarter of veterinarians (24%) review patients in the PDMP during the appointment. Many veterinarians who selected other spoke of their patients being animals and/or the patients having multiple owners complicating the review process.*

- During appointment
- After appointment
- Other



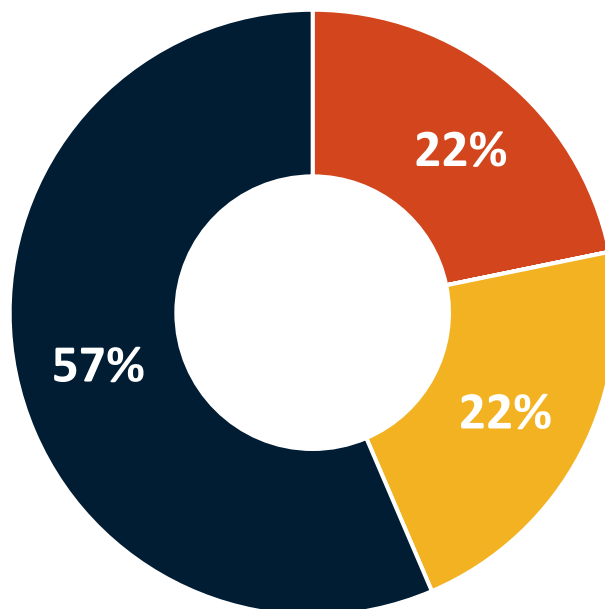
## Do veterinarians dispense?



**50%** reported that they directly dispense controlled substances

**11%** Of veterinarians zero report on days they do not directly dispense

*Of veterinarians indicating that they directly dispense, there is variation on when they report the dispensation to the PDMP.*



■ Immediately   ■ Only when I directly dispense   ■ Never

## Denial of prescriptions

**5%**

*of responding veterinarians reported denying a prescription because of information found in PDMP*

### Reasons for Denial

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Patient looked suspicious              | 100% |
| High Narxscore                         | 0%   |
| Other                                  | 0%   |
| Number of opioid prescription days     | 0%   |
| High MME                               | 0%   |
| Dangerous combination of treatment     | 0%   |
| Overlapping of opioid prescriptions    | 0%   |
| Multiple provider episodes for opioids | 0%   |

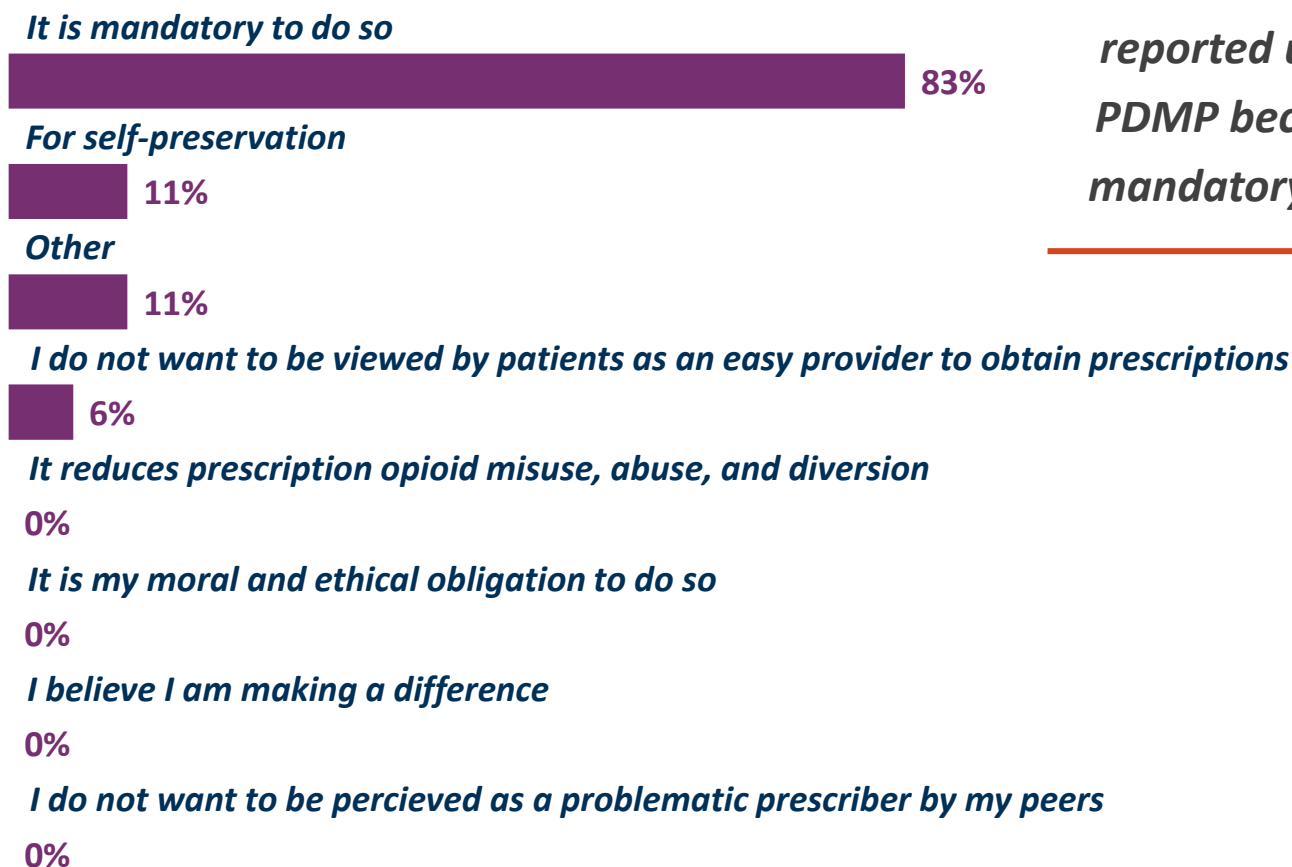
*Note:* Just one Veterinarian indicated they've denied a prescription due to information found in the PDMP.



**1 out of 10** veterinarians found patient prescription history extremely or very valuable for informing decision making.

## PDMP usage and barriers to usage

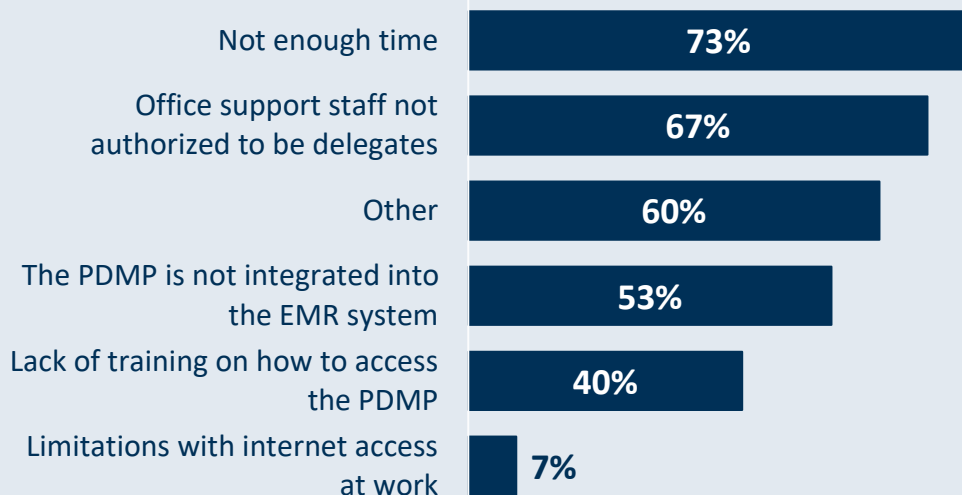
### Why veterinarians use PDMP



*Most veterinarians reported using the PDMP because it is mandatory to do so*

Note: Percents add up to more than 100% because of multiple selection.

### Barriers to using PDMP



**83%**  
*experienced barriers to using the PDMP*

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## Report card & enhancements



**72%** of veterinarians receive a prescriber report card

### *I changed prescribing patterns as a result of report card*



### *I was surprised by how I compare to other prescribers in same specialty*



■ Strongly agree ■ Agree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Disagree ■ Strongly disagree

\*Note: percents are calculated out of respondents who indicated that they receive a report card.

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***Most veterinarians were not surprised by how they compared to other prescribers.***

***None changed prescribing patterns based on report card.***

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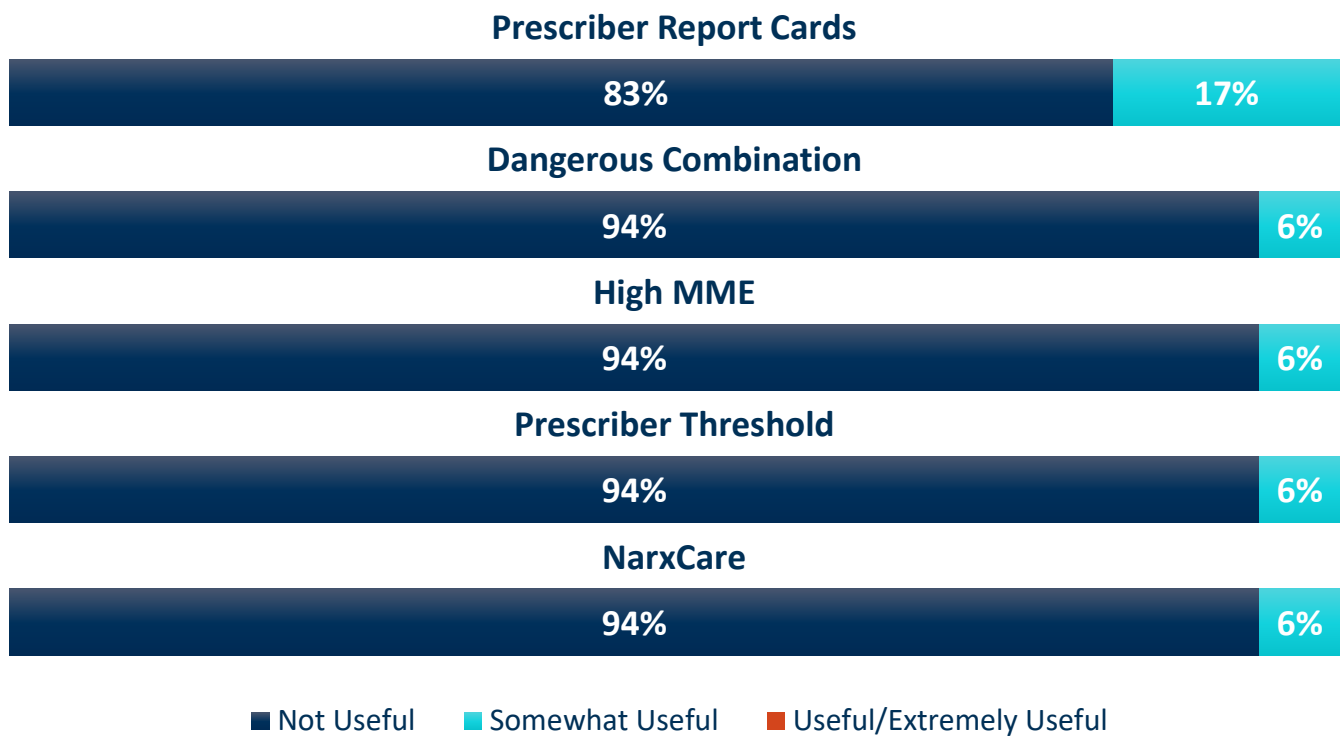
**17%**

*of veterinarians have reviewed their compliance report in the PDMP*

**39%**

*reported that they did not know they could review their compliance report*

## Usefulness of PDMP Enhancements



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*Most veterinarians reported the enhancements to be largely not useful.*

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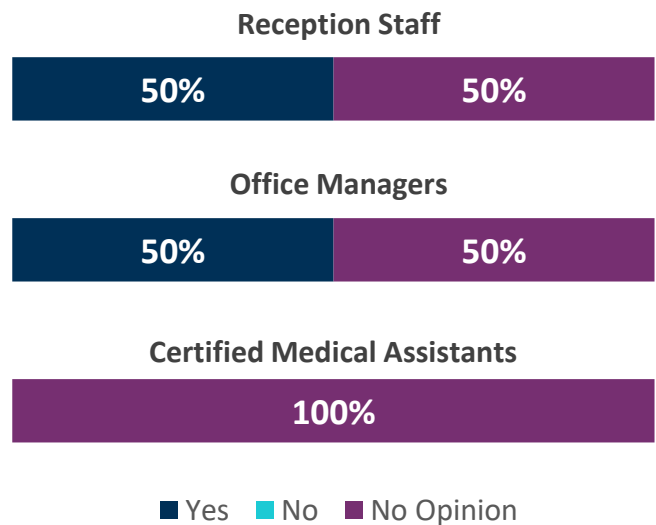
## Use of authorized delegates



**11%** of veterinarians have authorized delegates on their accounts

*Half of veterinarians with authorized delegates had 1-2 delegates on their account and found delegates to be at least somewhat helpful (100%).*

### Who should be delegates?



*Of responding veterinarians who don't have delegates, none are interested in learning about adding delegates for various reasons.*

#### Other

50%

I prefer to check on my own

25%

I don't understand how to allow them

13%

I do not trust anyone on my staff

6%

Too much responsibility to share

6%

*Most veterinarians who don't have delegates indicated it's because they don't have eligible staff.*